

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY  
No. BD

IN RE: MATTHEW J. BRESETTE


PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01. § 12A, bar counsel petitions this Honorable Court for an order forthwith temporarily suspending Matthew J. Bresette from the practice of law in the Commonwealth pending the institution and conclusion of disciplinary proceedings before the Board of Bar Overseers. In support of this petition, bar counsel represents as follows:

1. The respondent was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on January 22, 2002, and was last engaged in the practice of law in Hyannis, Massachusetts as a partner at Nutter McClennen & Fish. He resigned from the firm on March 26, 2018 and reported his misconduct to bar counsel on April 3, 2018.
2. The respondent has misappropriated funds, the total amount as yet to be finally determined, both from trusts of which he was trustee and from the law firm.
3. The respondent's continued practice of law would pose a threat of substantial harm to clients or prospective clients.
4. The parties have waived hearing and assent to the entry of an order for the respondent's immediate temporary suspension.

WHEREFORE, bar counsel requests that this Court:

- A. enter an order forthwith temporarily suspending Matthew J. Bresette from further practice of law pending disciplinary proceedings before the Board of Bar Overseers or further order of this Court;
- B. grant such other relief as is just and appropriate.

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